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Inventory No:	EAS.85
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	
Address:	945 Massasoit Rd
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	North Eastham
Local No:	05-170
Year Constructed:	c 1930
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Cedar Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Concrete Unspecified



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FORM B - BUILDING

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USGS Quad

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Area(s)

Form Number

85

Town

Eastham



(neighborhood or village)

945 Massasoit Road

ic Name

Present Residential

Original "

f Construction Early 20th C.

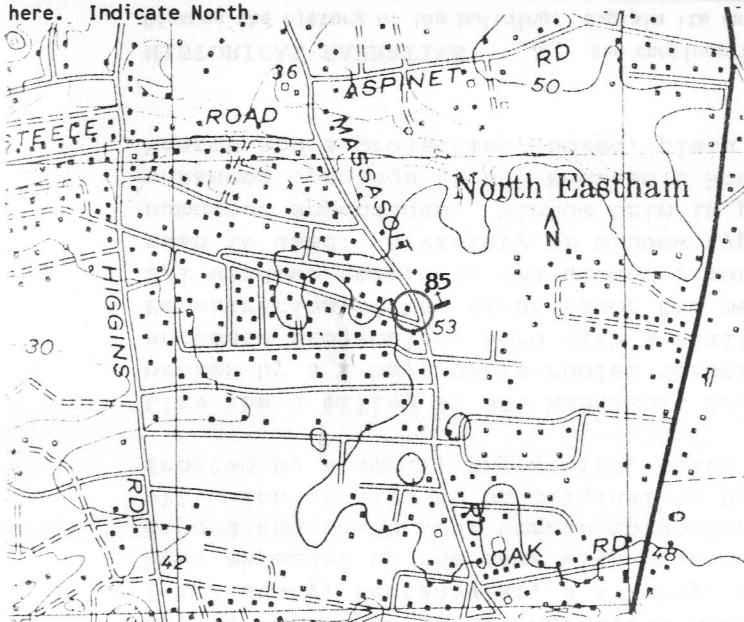
Visual Assessment and
See Bibliography*

Form Center-chimney, Side-gable
House Form

ect/Builder

or Material:

here. Indicate North.



Foundation Concrete

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Cedar Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Small, modern shed/barn.

Major Alterations (with dates)
See Architectural Description.

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage .4 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,
rural area between the T-intersections of
Cook's Brook Road, Alice Road and
Massasoit Roads.

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BUILDING FORM

945 Massasoit Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Unlike the house at 845 Massasoit Road which appears to be its twin, this 1 1/2-story, rectangular, 3 x 2-bay, center-chimney, side-gable dwelling has been expanded to the rear with numerous, shed-roofed additions which extend beyond the south west corner to continue behind a 1-story, gable-roofed, side ell which appears to be original to both houses. In this case, the latter is fronted by a small, hip-roofed, board and batten-clad addition.

Like the dwelling at 845 Massasoit Road, the facade slope of the gable-roof is broken by a 2-bay, gable-roofed dormer. The center entry is also housed in an enclosed projection, here with a shallow hip rather than a gable roof. Fenestration on the first floor has been changed to 6/6, double-hung sash, but 2/1 windows remain on the second floor except in the facade dormer where 6/6 sash is used. A variety of window types, including round exist on the numerous appendages. Window trim is plain unlike the crown molding which enhances openings at 845 Massasoit Road. Other detail is limited to end boards and a projecting, boxed, plain cornice.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Massasoit Road was developed during the Federal Period (1775-1830). By the end of the Federal Period, Methodists had established a campground near Campground Road off Massasoit Road. This center for summer religious retreats lasted from 1830 to 1862 when the camp moved to Yarmouth. By 1831, one of Eastham's five schools and many residences were located on Massasoit Road.

It is likely that many of the residents were involved in agriculture. Grains were an early cash crop in Eastham and later, asparagus and turnips became more common. Husbandry and fishing were also important sources of income for Massasoit Road residents. By 1901, at least seven farmers were living on Massasoit Road. There were also a clerk, lighthouse keeper, laborer and a grocer. A provisions store was located on the corner of Oak and Massasoit Roads. By the twentieth century, the road had become an important way from Orleans through Eastham to Wellfleet. Seasonal residents had begun building summer homes and cottages by the Early Modern Period.

No research, data or house file exists for this property at the Eastham Historical Society Archives. The construction date of 1930 assigned to the property is taken from a list of historic properties devised by the Eastham Historical Society with dates provided from assessors' records, the basis for which is unclear. Based on its appearance, however, that date seems reasonable. This house looks like a more-modified twin to that at 845 Massasoit Road which is documented to have been built c. 1900 and is represented on the 1907 map of Eastham. This dwelling, however, is absent

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

945 Massasoit Road
Eastham

Area Form No. 85

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

from that map. Since the only Directory for the Town of Eastham dates to 1901 and it has no street list or numbered addresses, no identification of the original or subsequent owners was possible using readily-available, local records. Deed research will be necessary to obtain more information on the property.

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